

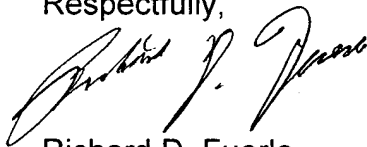
Comments

Claims 1 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Brownells' Catalogue in view of Szabo. Brownells' Catalogue is dated April 1, 2004 (see page 1 at the top right). Applicants attach hereto a Declaration under 37CFR 1.131 which shows that Applicants reduced their invention to practice at least as early as March 21, 2003, well prior to the effective date of the Brownell Catalogue reference.

Szabo describes a kit for converting a semi-automatic hand-gun, such as the Colt model 1911A1, into a hand-gun of increased round capacity. No safety panel is disclosed or suggested by Szabo.

As the rejection is believed to be overcome, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is requested.

Respectfully,

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